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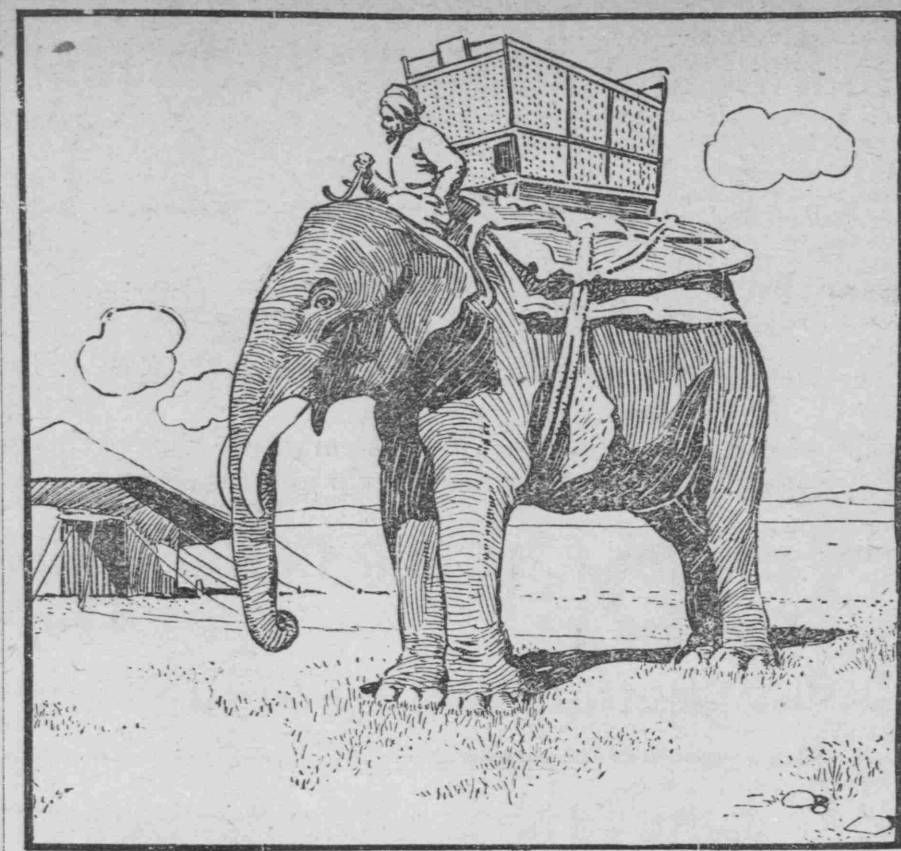
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## THE SOMETHING-WRONG PUZZLE



BEAST OF BURDEN IN INDIA.  
What Is Wrong with the Picture?

## THE UP-TO-DATE SONGSTER

Birds Are Now Taught to Warble Bars from Popular Melodies of the Day.

The craze for change seems at last about to affect the very birds of the air. No longer is a restless public satisfied with the sweet strains that nature provides as the voice of the feathered songster. The up-to-date bird must be able to warble bars from such melodies as "Hiawatha," "Bedelia" or other musical inanities that attain passing popularity. A bird educated thus can be sold for ten times as much as one that merely trills its own song, so that dealers are striving to make their befuddled stock accomplished in singing according to the new idea of what a bird should be able to do. It is a slow process, but it pays, says the New York Tribune.

One of the first men in the business to see the advantages of giving his birds a musical education lives in Philadelphia. At his training establishment the education of a feathered songster may be watched from beginning to completion.

Bullfinches are chosen for the pupils. With an ordinary life or flute the teacher sits down beside the cages in which the birds are housed and plays the first bars of the tune that it is desired the birds should learn. It is usual for a girl to be employed for this work, as she possesses more patience than a man, and the work is better suited to her temperament. It may be hours before the bird will take the least notice of the player. The girls must keep on playing until the little songster's attention is attracted. Over and over the few bars are repeated with monotonous regularity. Sometimes it is necessary to play the same strain for days before the birds will show the slightest interest in the efforts to make them up-to-date warblers. Sooner or later, however, they will awaken to the fact that some song foreign to their ears is being played near by. At first a gentle cocking of the head in the direction of the sound will betray the awakening. Thus encouraged, the teacher plays with added energy.

The patience required for such work may be imagined when it is known that even after seeming to take interest in the flute player's attempt to educate them the birds will frequently lapse into dull indifference and give no further sign for a long time. There comes a moment at last when the bird seems really to shake off its apathy and hop nearer to the sound of the flute, as though prompted by quickened curiosity. Soon after that it will remain still, its senses seemingly concentrated on the song. Then it will begin to sing. It is time for the teacher to rest then, and closely watch the bird's attempt to imitate the notes that have become familiar by such patient repetition. The chances are that the bird will at first sound two or three notes correctly and then stop, quite at a loss for the rest. The teacher prompts the little songster by playing the bar through. The bird tries once more, and this time perhaps warbles the bar correctly.

### Deep Gold Mine.

What is believed to be the deepest gold mine in the world is being worked at Bendigo, Australia. The mine in question, which is called the New Chum railway mine, has sunk its main shaft to a depth of 3,900 feet, or only 60 feet short of three-quarters of a mile. The chief problem is how to keep the tunnels and general workings cool enough for the miners to work in at such a depth. It is usually about 108 degrees and, to enable the men to work at all, a spray of cold water let down from above has to be kept continually playing on the bodies of the miners. Even then they cannot work hard, or they would faint from exhaustion.

### One-Price Stores.

The Berlin Tageblatt presents the statement made by an American commercial journal that haggling is still the custom in German stores. So far as Berlin is concerned, it says, there is scarcely a respectable store in the city which has not fixed prices.

### No Time to Lose.

Mrs. Catterson—My dear, haven't you read this book? It's simply fine.  
Mrs. Hatterson—No, not yet. I thought I would wait a few weeks.  
"But it will be forgotten then."—Brooklyn Life.

## PECULIARITIES OF ANIMALS.

As a Rule Mobility and "Brains" Are Co-existent in Certain Varieties.

Among the animals it is very largely true that mobility and "brains" go together where other things are fairly equal. There are some creatures, like the house fly, in which everything else seems to have been sacrificed to secure locomotive powers of an extraordinary character. But, as a rule, says the London Spectator, the mammal which can travel to seek its food or change its abode is distinctly more intelligent than the more sedentary and stay-at-home species. Mobility, even if not shown in travel and migration, also suggests versatility as well. Rabbits are, on the whole, the most stay at home of any of our rodents. If left to themselves, they would never move further from the mouths of their burrows than to the edge of the nearest piece of grass, and if grass reaches up to the burrow itself, they merely edge forward, eating a fresh slice every day. Like a moving machine being pushed backward and forward. The result has been bad for rabbits' brains. Their cousins, the hares, though our English race has never thought of making a burrow except in snow time, are far more intelligent. One of Cowper's tame hares would give him plainly to understand when it wanted him to come into the garden, and licked his hand after he had been at pains to take care of it during illness.

There is no doubt that the domestic pig has lost nearly all its original and large stock of brains owing to long confinement in sties and a steady course of breeding for the ideal ham or an approach of perfection in ribs of bacon. The New Forest and Sherwood Forest pigs were highly active, and consequently highly intelligent. They used to come home regularly at the sound of a horn to be fed, assembling from all parts of the forest within hearing. These admirable animals have recently afforded two examples of the connection between mobility and brains which, though not intended as scientific experiments, will doubtless be welcome to philosophers. In the one case, the Sherwood Forest pigs, which had retained their mobility, were excluded by a cruel law from the enjoyment of a free range in the woods about the time when acorns and beech mast are most toothsome, and when their connections in Spain, under a happier dispensation, are enjoying those peculiarly large and delicious acorns which make the real foundation of Spanish hams. The pigs always found a means to escape from their sties into the forest, and were so full of resource that their owners barely procured the degeneration of the whole race by making them less mobile by crossing them with a particularly fat and lazy class of pig from Naples. On the other hand, it was found, we believe, by the Austrian government in Bosnia, that the round and snub-nosed Berkshire pig, which connoisseurs had gradually bred as a degenerate in mind and body, form and limb, was physically and mentally quite incapable of taking care of itself. Accordingly, the authorities informed their agents that a long-legged pig was indispensable for their needs if the government stock was to flourish and impress the natives of the annexed provinces, and the animal required was procured from Ireland.

### To Raise City's Level.

To prevent further disasters, such as that which visited Galveston, Tex., in 1900, when 3,000 houses were destroyed and 8,000 lives were lost in the floods, it is proposed to raise the whole of the city. According to the present plan, earth is to be brought from along the coasts of the gulf and banked upon the site of the city, so that it shall be at level of from 17 feet to 20 feet above the sea.

### Neglected Opportunities.

Very few people know very much in proportion to the opportunities they have had.—Washington (D. C.) Democrat.

### Freedom of Birds.

We don't like the expression: "Free as a bird." There never was a bird that there was not a gun after it.—Aitchison Globe.

### Speed of Steamers.

The depth of water has a considerable influence on the speed of steamers, which are found to move more slowly in shallow water.

## A PECULIAR CLAM.

Youth Frightened by Strange Light in a Colliery and Owners Are Sued for Damages.

One of the most remarkable claims under the workmen's compensation act has been heard at the Treddegar county court, the judge reserving his decision. Frederick George Shellard, a lad aged 14 years, was in the employ of the Powells Tillery Steam Coal Collieries company in May last. He was a pit boy, earning ten shillings a week as an assistant to his father, a collier. On one occasion this father sent him to get what is known as a "stick."

Amid the gloom and loneliness of the colliery the lad says that he suddenly felt something brush past him and he was confronted by two glaring eyes. This greatly terrified the lad, for most miners are exceedingly superstitious. He cried out to his father to come and help him, and was so overcome by what he regarded as an apparition that he had to be taken home.

The judge suggested that the eyes were those of a cat, but the solicitor for the lad did not readily assent to this explanation.

Three days afterward the father took the boy again to the colliery, with a view to convincing him that there was nothing to alarm him. So great was the shock, however, that the boy has not been able to work underground since. The medical evidence showed that the lad now suffered from St. Vitus' dance, brought about by fright.

Compensation was claimed at the rate of 5s 3d a week, but the company repudiated liability.

## MAGAZINE FOR THE INSANE

Employee of Kansas Institution Begins Publication of Organ for Benefit of Inmates.

A magazine for insane patients of Kansas in the state asylum at Topeka, has been founded by Clarence E. Chase, a man who has spent a large part of his life as an asylum inmate. This magazine is called the Crank. The editor is an artist and somewhat of a poet, and the publication contains only matter written or drawn by him. The magazine has this to say in its own defense:

"The Crank is the organ of the poor, the discouraged, the misunderstood everywhere. It is designed especially for the patients of the Topeka state hospital, but we hope it will interest, instruct and amuse others. As the crank is the medium between the power and its object so our Crank is the connecting link between the public power and its objects of charity."

Mr. Chase always signs his name "Azazel." The articles in the Crank are all written by Mr. Chase, and, like his poems, are nearly all connected with the state hospital and its inmates.

## BIRD SINGS NATIONAL AIR.

Canary in Great Britain Famous for Rendering of "Life on the Ocean Wave."

A British tradesman has an eight-months-old canary that sings "A Life on the Ocean Wave." He values it at £50. The bird is famous for miles round, and is in the habit of performing before large audiences in local hostels.

Its ancestors back to its great-grandfather were equally famous. Its great-grandfather sang the same song, and lived for 17 years.

The present songster, therefore, has become perfected through four generations of art. Having the inbred gift of song, he was trained with a small mouth organ. The owner is now teaching him another ditty.

## MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, March 23.		
CATTLE—Common	\$2 75	@ 4 00
Heavy steers	4 55	@ 4 85
CALVES—Extra		@ 6 00
HOGS—Ch. packers	5 55	@ 5 60
Mixed packers	5 35	@ 5 50
SHEEP—Extra	4 35	@ 4 50
LAMBS—Spring	5 30	@ 5 65
FLOUR—Spring pat.	1 03	@ 1 04
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 97
No. 3 winter		@ 47 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed		@ 41
OATS—No. 2 mixed		@ 78
RYE—No. 2	76	@ 14 00
HAY—Ch. timothy		@ 15 40
PORK—Clear family		@ 6 50
LARD—Steam	14	@ 16
BUTTER—Ch. dairy		@ 26 1/2
Choice creamery		@ 3 00
APPLES—Choice	3 00	@ 3 50
POTATOES—Per bbl	3 00	@ 3 10
TOBACCO—New	5 05	@ 12 50
Old	4 40	@ 14 50

Chicago.		
FLOUR—Winter pat.	4 90	@ 5 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	91 1/4	@ 95 1/4
No. 3 spring	80	@ 96
CORN—No. 2 mixed		@ 50 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	38 1/2	@ 38 3/4
RYE—No. 2		@ 68
PORK—Mess	12 87 1/2	@ 13 00
LARD—Steam	6 72 1/2	@ 6 75

New York.		
FLOUR—Win. str's	4 90	@ 5 15
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 1 02
CORN—No. 2 mixed		@ 54 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed		@ 46 1/2
RYE—Western		@ 80
PORK—Family	14 75	@ 16 50
LARD—Steam		@ 7 25

Baltimore.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	@ 1 02 1/2	
CORN—No. 2 mixed	50 1/2	@ 54 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed		@ 43
CATTLE—Steers	4 90	@ 5 10
HOGS—Western		@ 6 10

Louisville.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	@ 1 02	
CORN—No. 2 mixed	@ 52	
OATS—No. 2 mixed	@ 44 1/2	
PORK—Mess	@ 14 50	
LARD—Steam	@ 7 25	

Indi. apolis.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	@ 1 00	
CORN—No. 2 mixed	@ 44 1/2	
OATS—No. 2 mixed	@ 41 1/2	

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